Performance of SCCL

3052. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the performanee to Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) number of underground mines of SCCL and their production performance during the said period; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the modernisation of SCCL to make it more profitable and competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The performance of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) in Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

(*in million tonnes*)

Items	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
	B.E.	R.E.	B.E.	R.E.	B.E.	R.E.
Target	31.00	30.22	31.00	30.06	31.67	31.05
Actual Production	—	27.32	—	29.55	—	30.27

The production from OC mines was pegged down to avoid dumping and deterioration of coal quality on account of less materialisation of demand *vis-a-vis* projected demand particularly in the year 1998-99.

(b) In SCCL, the number of underground mines and their production performance during the last three years is shown as under:—

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
No. of UG Mines	58	57	58
Target (In million tonnes)	15.53	14.74	14.89
Actual Production (In million tonnes)	12.95	12.79	13.78

(c) The following steps are being taken to modernise coal mines of SCCL to make them more profitable and competitive.

(i) Conversion of underground mines to Opencast mines wherever practicable.

(ii) Mechanisation of underground mines wherever feasible by introducing intermediate technology with Side Discharge Loaders, Load Haul Dumpers and Continuous Miners.

(iii) Encouraging Voluntary Retirement Scheme to reduce manpower.

(iv) Effective utilization of existing resources by motivating to achieve higher productivity through incentives.

(v) Improvement in coal quality to improve consumer satisfaction and sales realization.

(vi) To take steps in co-ordination with the Railways to remove the transportation bottlenecks in coalfield areas.having potential for enhanced production.

Shovel Machine destroyed in Jayanta Project of Northern Coalfields Ltd., Singarauli

†3053. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shovel machine worth rupees more than 2 crore got destroyed after sinking into OV due to negligence of officers during the last three four months in Jayanta Project of the Northern Coal Fields Limited, Singarauli;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the entire issue has been hushed up and no action had been taken against the officers concerned; and

(c) whether Government will take strict action against the guilty officers after getting the entire matter looked into?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) It is not a fact that the Shovel has been destroyed after sinking into OB in Jayanta project. An incident occurred in the month of August, 2001 (monsoon period) when a Shovel was partially damaged by sudden slide of OB while working near a hillock. Shovel was partially damaged and was taken out for recommissioning/repair on the 3rd day itself.

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